

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 26, 27, 31 and 34 are amended. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Grant at the interview held January 4, 2007, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication that claims 3, 4, 10, 20, 21 and 27 contain allowable subject matter. However, for the reasons presented below, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims are also allowable.

I. Informalities

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 26, 27, 31 and 34 are amended to correct antecedent basis and/or misspelling, for example integrity markings (plural).

II. Miscellaneous Objections

Claims 1-17 were objected to for allegedly not being in proper format. However, the application was electronically filed on January 16, 2002, and the claims were numbered by the Patent Office's electronic filing system at that time. These claims thus appear as numbered by the electronic filing system. Regardless, by this Amendment, the claims are amended as above to eliminate this issue. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action asserts that the oath or declaration is defective because it has not been submitted with the application. However, in a telephone conversation with Examiner Grant on December 21, 2006, Examiner Grant agreed that this objection was an error because

a declaration was filed on January 16, 2002. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e)

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 13, 14, 16-19, 22-26, 30, 31, 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Wright (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0075514). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Wright teaches the method of the above claims. Applicants respectfully disagree.

The Office Action asserts that Wright teaches or suggests automatically adjusting an image capture device location based on an identified integrity marking location for a tangible copy at paragraph 57, line 2. However, nowhere does Wright mention the feature of automatically adjusting an image capture device. Wright merely teaches that a document discriminator searches each page of received document images for a globally unique identifier (paragraph [0099]). Nowhere does Wright teach or suggest using this identifier to capture any sort of image, or to adjust an image capture device capturing any such image.

Furthermore, Wright teaches a method for filing a paper-based document (i.e., a tangible copy) containing a unique identifier (alleged integrity markings) into an electronic database. However, what is claimed takes an electronic document containing integrity markings, prints a tangible copy, and then subsequently images some or all of that copy. Wright describes a completely dissimilar "filing system." Accordingly, Wright fails to teach or suggest each and every claimed feature.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1 and 18, and their dependent claims, are patentable over the applied reference. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-34 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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